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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

BRUGGER, JAMES M. et al.

Application No.: 09/595,167

Filed: June 15, 2000

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
PERCUTANEOUSLY ACCESSING A  
PRESSURE ACTIVATED IMPLANTED  
PORT

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Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.